

creeds prove themselves bankrupt, these permanent values must reassert themselves as they have done through the ages.

This evening, as we look back through eleven centuries of history to commemorate and pay our tribute to the lasting work of Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius, we must rededicate ourselves to the propagation of their message. We, in the democracies, must regain and strengthen the spiritual values which are the very core of our democratic systems.

By working to preserve and strengthen the great traditions of Slovakia, the Slovak people of Canada are giving heart and pride and hope to their motherland. You are also making a new and direct contribution to our Canadian culture.

At this point in human history, while the fate of these beautiful and fertile Eastern European lands shocks mankind, these noble Slovak people, champions of Christian chivalry and spiritual heirs of Saints Cyril and Methodius, have remained faithful in adversity. We are filled with admiration for your qualities.

We congratulate you. And we rejoice with you -- for a Jubilee means rejoicing -- that you have kept the faith. In your faith, as the record of the past eleven hundred years so amply testifies, you will find the solace, the light and the courage to face the mystery of human destiny.